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1. Poland: The murder of Father Popieluszko is one of the most important events in Poland since the imposition of martial law. For Poland as a whole it has created a martyr and an enduring symbol of opposition to the government. Further, the funeral turned into a demonstration of abiding loyalty to Solidarity. This encouragement may help former Solidarity leaders recreate some sort of organizational structure even though the government has already indicated it will not allow this to happen. For Jaruzelski the unsanctioned vigilante action is a setback but also provides the opportunity to move against some of his opponents within the regime.

2. FRG: The Flick scandal is the most severe test for the ruling coalition since its formation. Chancellor Kohl's 7 November appearance before the Bundestag investigating committee may well determine whether he can overcome this crisis and stay in office. Looking beyond the immediate future, the scandal will probably have a negative effect on the coalition's political strength and its long-term prospects.